

Appropriations Committee Hearing  
February 21, 2017

Dear Appropriations Committee,

My name is Cecilia Vizcarrondo. I am a resident of Bridgeport and a member of FaithActs for Education. We are people of faith building power to get our children the education they deserve.

I recently became a homeowner in 2014 and I love my new city where I am a registered to voter. I work actively in my church and help our high school seniors with the college application and the financial aid process. I want to help our students from Bridgeport receive a good college education and get a foot in the door. I am a mother of three, I currently have one child in the 4th grade and another in kindergarten who are both in the Bridgeport public school system. My children's classrooms are overcrowded and are lacking needed resources. In order for them to have access to college, Bridgeport needs equitable funding.

All of Bridgeport's 25,000 students should receive the education they need to be successful in school, college, and their adult life. We have students that need more support than others. All students deserve to be treated with the care and respect that they deserve.

Being the first college graduate of my family and a college counselor for the last 9 years, I understand the importance of education. My life's passion is education. If our students understand the value of having an education and the importance of being educated, it would change the culture of our school system. If we give our students an education that is fair, our future will be in better hands.

Thank you,  
Cecilia Vizcarrondo  
Concerned Citizen and Parent